

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 344
By Fowlkes

A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Thelma Sanders
Limbaugh on the celebration of her one-
hundredth birthday.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Thelma Sanders Limbaugh celebrated her one-hundredth birthday on April 15, 2001, an occasion that was commemorated with great joy in remembering the past, giving thanks for the present and anticipating the future; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of John L. and May E. Sanders of Lewisburg, Thelma was one of five children; growing up, she enjoyed the love and friendship of her sister, Ouida, and brothers, Esman, Earl, and J.L.; and

WHEREAS, The Sanders household was always filled with music; her father played the piano by ear, and her oldest brothers, Esman and Earl, mastered various instruments and played in a band; and

WHEREAS, At the age of six, Thelma Limbaugh began piano lessons and her musical talent blossomed; she played for numerous community events in Lewisburg, including playing the piano during silent pictures; and

WHEREAS, A strong-minded young woman, Mrs. Limbaugh decided she wanted to be a member of her school's Violin Orchestra; not knowing how to play the violin, she faithfully attended violin lessons and in a few years was playing that instrument in the orchestra; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from high school, she moved to Texas to live with an aunt and take pipe organ lessons; her plans changed when she discovered a business training school located near by; instead of taking pipe organ classes, she took the initiative to enroll in the business school; and

WHEREAS, Years later, Thelma Sanders met and fell in love with James Wilson Limbaugh; they were joined in marriage on December 24, 1928, in the Episcopal Church of the Advent; the couple settled in Illinois to be near an aunt and uncle of whom Mr. Limbaugh was fond; in 1932, the Limbaughs were blessed with the birth of their son, Jim; and

WHEREAS, When James Limbaugh was diagnosed with cancer, the family moved back to Tennessee; James Limbaugh, sadly, died at Vanderbilt Medical Center in 1939; and

WHEREAS, To help support her son, Mrs. Limbaugh went to work for Carter Chevrolet, which was owned by her brother-in-law, Monroe Carter; putting to use the knowledge she had gained at the business training school in Texas, she served with distinction there until her retirement in 1975; and

WHEREAS, She scrimped and saved to ensure her son had everything he needed, including an excellent education; she was the proudest of parents when her son became Dr. Jim Limbaugh, a radiologist who now practices in Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, Although Thelma Limbaugh now rides in the van provided by the Village Manor, she didn't quit driving until she was 97 years old; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to her family, Mrs. Limbaugh is a loving mother to her son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Joyce Limbaugh; and a wonderful grandmother to her grandchildren, Cindy Frakes, Jim Limbaugh, and Jason Limbaugh; her great-grandchildren, Caitlin Frakes, Rebecca Limbaugh, and Wilson Limbaugh; and her step-great-grandchildren, Steven and Jodie Pennington; and

WHEREAS, Friends and family, including her only surviving sibling, J.L., who lives in Florida, joined together on April 15, 2001 to celebrate the one-hundredth birthday of this remarkable woman; and

WHEREAS, It is the pleasure of this legislative body to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens as she embarks upon the tenth decade of her life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Thelma Sanders Limbaugh on the celebration of her one hundredth birthday and extend to her our heartfelt best wishes for many happy returns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.